

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted prior to continued examination of the present patent application, and in response to the Final Action dated March 22, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated May 13, 2004. Claims 1-14 were pending in the application. In the Final Action, claims 1-14 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1-14 have been amended. Claims 1-14 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 1-14 are in condition for allowance and requests early and favorable consideration thereof.

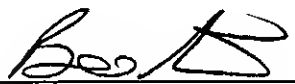
If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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